Strange Vision Seen by a Man Suffering from Congestion of the Brain.

well-known real-estate man was stricken with congestion of the brain in his room. For eight long weeks he lay all his surroundings and wavering on the brink of death. He did not speak at all to his nurses, and the light of Experience alone will show you which reason appeared to have left his eyes. way is easiest for you. Now he has regained consciousness, and he declares that while his fevered body was being being pilled and plas-tered by the doctors his soul was far away, soaring through space with the souls of those of his friends who long ago died and mingling in the realms of light with white-robed scraphims and angels of glory. And what he saw or thinks he saw has had such an effect on him that he has braced up and foresworn certain foolish habits which were a part of his former life. His experience in the heavenly domain sounds like the expression of the opium-eater's wildest dreams. But the real-estate man is not an opium-

"After working hard all day," said the gentleman in telling the story, "I smoked a pipe and went to bed, feeling pretty well. I went to sleep soon after turning in, if I remember right. but I headway."—New York Times. never awoke from that sleep for two months. One of my clerks next morning found me sitting on a chair near the bed, but I did not move, he says, and he thought I was dead at first, but finding that I had some life left in me—mighty little, though, I tell you-he laid me down and called a doctor. He treated me for a long time, and finally pulled me out all right. While I was under his care it was that I left this earth and visited the other land.

"I was standing on a huge steamboat first. How I got there I never knew, but there I stood in the bow. An old friend was with me. The boat was and tr.m. We were the only persons which there was trace of neither wave nor ripple. A bright light pervaded the scene, although I could see no sun. The general luminous effect battle panorama, but a great deal more dazzling. The banks of the river in which we were sailing were green and fresh. There were towns along the banks, prosperous looking towns, with railroads and saw and gin mills and other evidences of civilation. But they

were unpeopled. "In fact, we saw no one until we had floated on for days and days, when suddenly the air became full of strange spirits. They fairly swarmed about me-old, gray-haired men and beautiful young women-the most beautiful and the most graceful I had ever seen. They were dressed in long robes and had harps in their hands and the loveliest and most cheering smiles on their faces. They seemed to be rejoicing because one more had been added to their number. They were human beings in shape and appearance but slightly shorter than most of us.

"One handsome young man I picked out as my guide, although I did not know him. He accompanied me in my travels. We did not walk-we glided through the air. Past mountains and hills, over the glancing waves of beautiful lakes, so far above the busy cities that the noise of their mills and railroad trains seemed like the hum of a distant bee-we sped, the fresh wind now breathing in our faces and bracing us for our journey and now rushing from behind and hurling us faster, faster still.

"At last we came into sight of the gates of heaven and found that a crowd of spirits had drawn themselves up in line outside and were waiting for us. As I drew nearer I heard them singing a beavenly hymn, and as their faces came into view I saw that they wore a sorrowing expression. I passed slowly in front of the array with bowed head and downcast eyes. At the end I looked up and saw my father and mother. Such a depth of sorrow was in their eyes and on their faces was depicted so much grief and anguish-as if they were calling up my past life and its sins-that I opened my mouth to shriek. I could not articulate. I seized my guard by the arm. It felt like pulp and eluded my grasp. Then there came a crash of thunder louder than I have ever heard or ever hope to hear again; my head throbbed like one mighty pulse, and I opened my eyes. I was lying on my bed with my nurse beside me."—Chicago News.

Things a Swimmer Should Know.

You should by all means learn to swim on your back and to float. You can swim on your back, using your arms like oars, and keeping your feet still, or drawing your feet up under you and kicking out, or using both. The advantage of using the legs or the arms alone is that you get a rest for the unemployed limbs. Some persons never learn to float, and I am inclined to think that it is impossible for some persons to do so. If you find your feet have a tendency to sink, spread them wide apart, and extend your arms forward along the water over your head. That will bring the center of balance further forward, and tend to keep your feet up. If your feet float easily, and your head does not, put your arms close to your sides, and keep your feet together. Most people who have diffi-culty in floating find the trouble with their feet. An occasional gentle paddle with them will keep them affoat if they show a tendency to go down.
"As one of the objects of swimming

is to enable a man to preserve his life in the water, you should by all means learn to undress while swimming. It is the most difficult thing to do in the water, but every good swimmer can accomplish it with practice. First learn to swim, either on your back or on your breast, with one hand and one foot, the left foot and right hand, or right foot and left hand. Then put on an old suit of clothes and an old pair of shoes and jump into water not over JAMES I, tried to establish the silk your head. As soon as you come to culture in the American colonies, but the surface strike out with one foot and failed. He sent silk-worms to Virginia, one hand. With the unemployed hand and offered a bounty for silk cloth take the shoe off the unemployed foot. manufactured there, but the planters You must keep them under water, of found the cultivation of tobacco more course. If you try to lift them into profitable.

the air their unsupported weight will send you under. Repeat the operation with the other hand and foot. Always get your shoes off first. You will find that when they get full of water they will tug at you like two pitiless demons trying to take you down. You will have to decide for the state of th on his bed, apparently unconscious of have to decide for yourself whether you will remove your shoes while swimming on your breast or on your back.

way is easiest for you. "After your shoes are off, swim on your back with your feet and get your | These operations have passed the stage coat and vest off. Your head may go under occasionally while you are performing these operations, but don't mind that. Don't get flurried, but keep right on swimming. When you have your shoes and coat and vest off you will be comparatively free. A good swimmer can keep affoat a long time with shirt and trousers on. Take off your cuffs and collar, of course. It is next to impossible to get your trousers off without drowning yourself. The best thing to do is to roll them up to your knees. You can do that while swimming with one hand and one foot. Don't imagine that you are going to have an easy time doing all this. It takes patience, coolness, and nerve to accomplish it, but when it is done you can swim a long time and make good

#### A School of Fish.

James Smith, of Clark's Harbor, N. S., caught a fish and found in its stomach a mouse, recently swallowed.

A Milwaukee man caught a black bass weighing three pounds in Okauchee Lake, Wisconsin. He cut open the bass from the gills downward and then held it in the water a moment. The "split" fish sprang away from its captor, and swam off, disappearing beneath the surface of the water.

Capt. Levi Shields, of Corydon, Ind., has a carp pond near his house. When beautiful; big and broad, but clean-cut he wants to feed the fish he goes to the pond and rings a small bell. Instantly on it. It was propelled by some un-foreseen force, but it glided gracefully through the calm and silvery water in which there was traced as the same and silvery water in great numbers near the shore, where The Current. they fight for food as it is thrown to

Eckstrom, the Rev. M. Moller, and other writers assert that the flesh of a was something similar to that at the pike which has been struck by a bird will heal with the talons of the bird in its back, while the bird becomes converted into a skeleton which is carried about by the pike. One skeleton which had long been exhibited by a pike in Lake Wetter had acquired a greenish tinge, and was regarded by the fisherman as a harbinger of misfortune. Another skeleton carried by by a pike in Lake Frysdale, was known to the fishermen as a watersprite, and they fled from it in fear. The pike was finally killed, and the watersprite proved to be the skeleton of a sea

> A porpoise was shot by a sailor on board a vessel just outside Galveston Harbor. The vessel was stopped and the porpoise was secured by a stout noose around its tail and left hanging over the ship's side, head down in the water. Within a few moments a huge shark made a rush for the porpoise and bit it in two, although several shots were fired. In a short time the shark made a rush for the remainder and bit it just above the tail which was left hanging. Two pistol balls were fired into its head at very short range, but it swam away and appeared to be un-

#### Formal Calls.

Formal calls are one of the penances of this world, anyway. You don't want to go much, and they don't care much. to have you come; but if you don't go they get mad. In a bright little book called "Crawford," published several years ago, and we think by Mrs. Gaskell, there is a description of a young lady starting out to make some formal calls. Her aunts caution her not to stay more than a quarter of an hour at any place, and she asks how will she know when it is a quarter of an hour if she is interested in the conversation? They tell her that she must keep her mind on the time, and not allow herself to get much interested in the con- | years. versation and show her ignorance of polite manners by overstaying the conventional limits of call. Some such idea as this still seems to prevail .-Bucks County Intelligencer.

#### Hair Dyes.

There is danger in some of the patent hair dyes, and hence the Scientific American offers what is known as the walnut hair dye. The simplest form is the expressed juice of the bark or shell of green walnuts. To perserve the juice a little alcohol is commonly added to it with a few bruised cloves, and the whole digested together, with occasional agitation, for a week or fortnight, when the clear portion is decanted and, if necessary, filtered. Sometimes a little common salt is added with the same intention. It should be kept in a cool place. The most convenient way of application is by means of a sponge.

The Value of Life. The statistics of the official Life Insurance Gazette show that Saxony leads the world in the percentage of suicides, her annual average being 377 per 1,000,000 inhabitants. Next comes Denmark with 290; France, 150; Bavaria, 127. Turkey stands at the honorable end of the list with 22 per million Moslems, but in the neighboring Croatia that number already rises to 40 and in Hungaria to 52. Measured by that criterion, overpopulation would seem to be a sixteen times greater evil than despotism.

THE anniversary of St. Bartholomew's Day (August 24) was formerly signalized by the holding of the Smithfield Fair, the only real fair held within the city of London. One of the chief attractions of Bartholomew Fair were roasted pigs. They were sold "piping hot," in booths and on stalls.

"Featherbone."

The scarcity of whalebone, its high price, and a demand for an article in its stead, led Mr. E. K. Warren to invent "Featherbone," a substitute prepared from the quills of geese and turkeys. The factory is located at Three Oaks, Mich., and, in the short space of two years, the enterprise has grown to a large industry. As the discovery brought to existence a new substance, it became necessary to invent machinery required in its manufacture. of experimental existence, and "Featherbone" is now an article of commercial value. The quills of turkeys and geese only are used. The first process strips the plumage from the quills. A set of revolving knives then divides the quills in halves. Rapidly revolving sand-paper rollers then remove the pith. The quills are then passed to an ingeniously constructed system of interlocking knives, which reduces them to fiber. These fibers are then fed to a machine which twists them into a fine cord wrapped with thread. Another machine wraps four of these cords with thread and forms them into a flat tape. A sewing machine places a row of stitches between each cord, which gives the tape increased strength and adds to its elasticity, and the whole is then passed between two large rollers, which gives it a uniform thickness, and makes it ready for market. The article is said to be unbreakable, and, if bent double, will retain its strength and elasticity. In dress-making it possesses the advantage over whalebone of being lighter, cheaper, more durable, and needs no casings, as it is sewed to the goods. It is superseding whalebone in the manufacturing of whips, and a large whipfactory is the outgrowth of Mr. Warren's discovery. The plumage of the teathers is used for making a very good quality of mattresses, and the pith, being shown by analysis to be rich in nitrogen, is used as a fertilizer. About 300 jobbing houses handle their goods, and the factory gives employment to

Names of the Days of the Week.

These were given in honor of the gods and godesses of the northern people of the European continent who invaded England. First from the sun and moon, then Tiu, then Wodin or Odin, then Thor or Thunder, the god of storms, next Frea or Friga, the goddess of peace and plenty, and lastly Sectere, of whom little or anything remains but the name. The most joyous of the Christian festivals, Easter, derives its name from Eostre, their goddess of the spring and dawn.

A Healthy Body and a Clear Mind. If indigestion, constipation and biliousness torment the body, the head cannot be clear. These disorders react upon the brain most hurtfully, and produce a cloudiness in the organ of thought not experienced by a healthy man. Happily these brain oppressing maladies may be entirely dispelled by that peerless alterative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which cheers, refreshes, and invigorates the brains and nerves, while it regulates the organs of digestion, as similation and bilious secretion. It expels the morbid humors which poison the system through the bowels and urinary passages, and exerts a powerful invigorating influence as well. Its cathartic action is never irritating, violent, or painful, but even, natural, and progressive. As an appetizer and sleep promoter, the Bitters is unrivaled; it initigates the infirmities of age, relieves the ailments peculiar to the gentler sex, arrests premature decay, and builds up an enfeatbled physique. enfeebled physique.

#### Johnnie's Disapprobation.

Little Johnnie had been unduly familiar with a forbidden jam-pot, and had consequently indulged in grief and lamentation when Retribution with a large and rolling "R" had swooped down upon him. He sat smarting and tearful for a long time in silence broken only by an occasional sob. Then he looked up solemnly in his mother's face, and said with emphasis:—"Mother, I'm sorry you ever married my pa."-Somerville Journal.

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